

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. USSR-US-Cuba

a. Kuznetsov still boggles at some of the wording in our draft declaration.

b. He conveyed a suggestion from Khrushchev that both sides agree on very brief declarations which would be presented to the Security Council. Points not agreed would then be made in separate statements to be issued either in or outside the Security Council.

2. Cuba

a. We estimate that some 4,000 Soviet military personnel have left Cuba since early November in connection with the removal of missiles and bombers.

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3. Congo

a. Our people in Leopoldville are afraid the Soviets are about to make a dramatic reentry onto the Congo stage with a firm offer of military aircraft and other equipment to the Congo government.

b. Adoula has informed both Gullion and Gardiner of his concern over "reports" and "rumors" to this effect, and Mobutu's deputy chief of staff has told us the Soviets are indeed drawing up a shopping list.

c. These new reports do not appear to have been conjured out of nothing simply to put pressure on us, even though Congolese officials have been pressing their requests for US equipment more urgently in recent days.

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d. Adoula says he would be overruled by parliament were he to refuse a specific Soviet offer.

e. Adoula, who is in a highly despondent state, refuses to come to New York for talks with the UN.

f. Spaak is very pessimistic and says he can foresee only war and destruction of Katanga unless some new element is introduced. Belgium, he says, has exhausted its possibilities.

g. Bunche's plan is to get the cooperation of all concerned to stop buying Katangan copper on which duties had not been paid to Adoula's government. Yost thinks this proposal lacks the immediate impact which the situation in the Congo appears to require.

4. Argentina

a. The Argentine political crisis subsided last night with a firm Army declaration of support for Guido and the principle of elections.

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c. Guido will be closeted today with a group of economic experts to settle on Alsogaray's replacement and decide what is to be done about the plague of economic troubles.

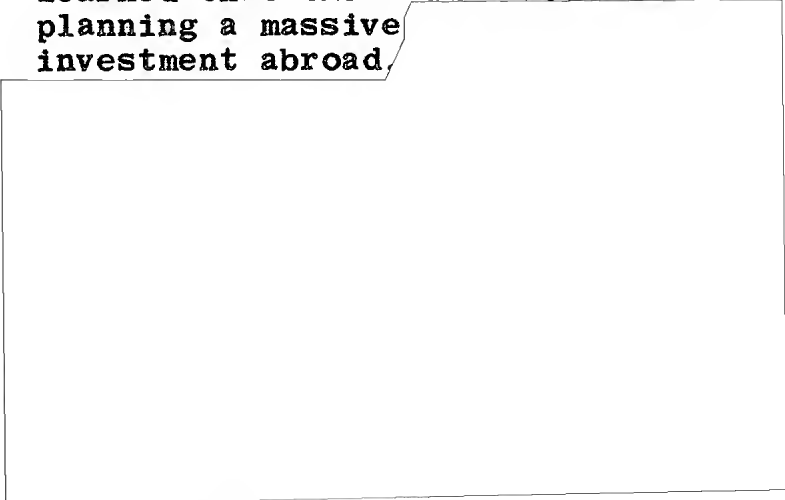
5. Yemen

a. Royalist tribesmen are holding stubbornly to most of the rugged northern and eastern territory which they have controlled from the beginning of hostilities, but they have made no lasting penetrations outside of these areas.

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d. Our embassy in Jidda has learned that the Saud family is planning a massive investment abroad.



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f. Moscow, according to press reports, has agreed to build a large, modern airport at Taiz.



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B. Communist China . Indications are the Chinese will soon resume testing at their missile test range (Shuangchengtzu) in West China. [Redacted]

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